

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:105

ANSWERED ON:06.03.2007

UPLIFTMENT REHABILITATION OF TRIBALS

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the proposals received for the upliftment/rehabilitation of tribes from the State Governments particularly West Bengal for approval and assistance during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the details of funds released to the State Governments alongwith the dates of approval of these proposals, proposal-wise;
- (c) the time by which the additional assistance is likely to be released; and
- (d) the details of the amount spent on the development and welfare of tribes particularly on Primitive Tribal Groups and Aborigines, State-wise during the said period alongwith the achievements made?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 105 by Shri Rupchand Murmu and Shri Hiten Barman regarding "Upliftment/rehabilitation of tribals" to be answered on 06.03.2007

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements various Schemes/Programmes for the socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes in different States of the country, including West Bengal. Funds under the schemes of the Ministry are allocated to the State/UT Governments based on the ST population in the State/UT as a percentage of the total ST population in the country and funds are released on the basis of fulfilment of the eligibility conditions of the relevant scheme and utilisation of the previously released funds and where required the proposals submitted by them. Proposals are approved and funds released during the year. Details of funds released to the State/UT Governments during the last three years for development and welfare of the tribals in the country, State-wise, including West Bengal, are at Annexure-I.

(c) : Since the funds are generally released for proposals on an annual basis, there is no scope for additional assistance. In rare cases, where additional assistance becomes due to any State, it is considered for release in the following year.

(d) : Details of funds allocated to State/UT Governments during the last three years for the Development of Primitive Tribal Groups are given in Annexure-II. There has been all round socio-economic development of the Scheduled Tribes due to implementation of the schemes of the Government, including the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The Scheduled Tribes have been getting benefits by way of increase in income and employment, infrastructure development, educational development, improvement in literacy levels, and social security.